



Adult Literacy Contact Centre Newsletter



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Literacy Project Proposal Clearing House

The **Contact Centre** agreed to take on an "Information Clearing House" role for B.C. Literacy Project Proposals. The Centre will keep track of B.C. projects that are currently in the "proposal funding application" stage or have approved funding as:

- jointly-funded projects
- projects funded solely by Secretary of State
- projects funded by other organizations – foundations, etc.

Our clearing house will only be as good as the information we get from project sponsors.

We need project sponsors to:

- send us a summary and/or copy of their funding proposal
- let us know if the proposal is accepted or rejected.

The Centre will

- keep an updated list of proposals and their status
- be the information centre for connecting people with projects in the planning or implementation stages (in hopes of saving people time "re-inventing the wheel").

Project proposals can be mailed to:

The Adult Literacy Contact Centre
11091 72nd Avenue
Delta, B.C. V4E 1Y4

NEWS

Project Literacy Victoria Update

Highlights of PLVic Activities:

- Public Relations Committee has been formed. (This committee has drafted a bookmark and brochure which will be circulated among social service agencies.)
- 18 PSAs have gone out
- Report on Adult Education was presented to the Education Policy Committee of the Victoria School Board. Five recommendations were made.

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

When: March 21, 1989

For more information and order forms to receive brochures, posters stickers and resource lists write:

Communications Branch
Multiculturalism and Citizenship Canada
Ottawa, Canada K1A 0M5

Women and Literacy

Canadian Women Studies/Les Chaiers de la Femme has published a special issue on women and literacy which was launched January 23 at Parkdale Project Read. The issue includes an extremely thought-provoking series of articles. To obtain copies, write:

Canadian Women Studies
212 Founders College
York University
Downsview, Ontario M3J 1P3 (416) 736-5356

Native Tutoring Centre

New Address: c/o Native Education Centre
285 East 5th Avenue
Vancouver, B.C. V5T 1M2 (604) 874-0664

We would like to welcome **Sandi Middleton**, Literacy Information Worker, to the Contact Centre. Sandi begins work at the Centre on March 13.

Community Education Research Digest

The digest contains condensations of technical papers concerned with improving neighborhoods through more effective educational activities. Each issue contains:

- 6-8 research reports
- coverage in the fields of public administration, education and psychology
- coverage of all minority and age groups.

Subscription rates: 1 year - \$12.00
2 years - \$23.00
3 years - \$34.00

Mailing Address:
College of Education
Florida Atlantic University
Boca Raton, Florida, 33431 USA

Save Your Vision Week March 5-11

In preparation for Vision Week, the B.C. Association of Optometrists has put together the following activities:

- teaching modules
- vision project contest
- television show—The Knowledge Network will be airing, "Life is Worth Seeing" March 9 at 1:30 pm; repeated March 30th at 7:00 P.M.

For more information call 270-9909.

Workshops, programs & funds

Aubach Literacy of Canada

Workshop April 14 and 15

The New Brunswick Department of Advanced Education and Training is organizing a weekend workshop to develop workable strategies that attract adults who could benefit from the current literacy programs in the province.

For more information contact Maureen O'Sullivan, Workshop Coordinator at (506) 453-2597 (New Brunswick) or Marilyn Wilson, LLC Fieldworker, (B.C.) at 731-8354.

The Adult Literacy Coach Program

The Vancouver School Board is offering a diploma program in Adult Literacy Coaching. Completion of eight core courses is required for graduation. The diploma program presumes a strong interest in reading and writing.

For more details call 731-1131.

Canadian Studies Directorate

Secretary of State's "Canadian Studies Directorate: Funding Program" provides financial support for the development of various projects and activities designed to encourage Canadians to learn about Canada. Deadline dates for projects to be funded by the directorate are

April 11, 1989 - results announced in July 1989,
November 1, 1989 - results announced in February 1990.

Applications for projects to be funded by the Directorate with matching funds from the private sector may be made at any time with announcement of results within 90 to 120 days.

For general information and application forms contact the:

Canadian Studies Directorate
Secretary of State

Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0M5 (819) 994-1544

1990 International Literacy Year Pre-Launch

The International Task Force on Literacy in cooperation with UNESCO has chosen March 2, 1989 as the media pre-launch for International Literacy Year.

Where:

Ottawa, The Learning Centre
108 Rideau Street
10:15 - 11:15 A.M.

Purpose

- To inform the public
- To describe a learner's experience
- To encourage people to get involved

The Movement for Canadian Literacy is preparing for 1990 by:

- sponsoring a poster contest
- organizing a "Book Voyage"
- sending out newsletters
- planning Learner's Events

For more information contact your MCL Rep.
BC Rep: Cindy Onstad at 875-6111
President: Robin Stonehouse (306) 933-8362

National Office Address:

#9 St. Joseph, Ste #304
Toronto, Canada M4Y 1J6 (416) 925-3554

Next Project Literacy B.C. Meeting

March 31, 1989

VCC/KEC Campus, 5th Floor
Boardroom
1155 E. Broadway
Vancouver
10:00 am. - 1:00 pm.

At the January '89 PLBC meeting an ad-hoc steering committee of volunteers was formed to draft recommendations regarding the future direction and structure of the current PLBC group. The report was distributed at the February meeting with the intention of allowing participants time to read the recommendations and to be prepared to discuss the report at the March meeting. If you were unable to attend the last meeting and would like a copy of the report, please call the Contact Centre.

PLBC Coordinator's Position

The ABEABC has applied for funding to assist Project Literacy B.C. become its own society. The society will be a broad-based coalition of individuals and groups interested in promoting literacy. It will bring together local Project Literacy groups including the Lower Mainland Project Literacy B.C. Group.

If we are successful in our application, there will be a four month full-time position available (salary approximately \$3,000 per month) to start as soon as possible.

If you are interested in this challenging coordinating position, please contact Norma Kidd, Patty Bossort, or Betty Nichol now. Remember, this position is a "maybe" until we receive the go-ahead from the Secretary of State.

Legal Services Society of B.C.

The Public Legal Education Program of the Legal Services Society has some money available to assist community groups in B.C. who wish to develop public legal education projects for their members or the community.

If you are interested in finding out more about what kinds of projects can be funded or how to apply for funds contact:

Legal Services Society
P.O. Box 3, Ste. 300
1140 W. Pender St.
Vancouver, B.C. V6E 4G1

Application Deadline: March 31, 1989
Contact Person: Carol Pfeifer
or Ron Rapin 660-4600

Literacy is Everybody's Business

Conference sponsored by the Yukon Literacy Council. Focus on Community and Curriculum Development. Starts the evening of March 30 and continues through March 31 and April 1, in Whitehorse, Yukon.

Cost: \$25.00 for members; \$30 for non-members.

For more information contact Maureen Butler or Mary Louise Fournier at Project Wordpower.
(403) 668-6280.

Suggestions

If you have any notices for upcoming newsletters, please send information to the Contact Centre before the last day of each month. Call Cherie Layne if you have any questions.